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“RAVALLI RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUESTS PROJECTS TO FUND”

Hamilton, Montana, June 11, 2007 —The Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is looking for projects to fund this year.

Congress recently authorized funds under a one year extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, which established Resource Advisory Committees. The Act directs that funds be spent on projects that maintain or remove roads and trails, improve soil and forest ecosystem health, restore watersheds, improve habitat for wildlife and fish, control weeds, and reestablish native animals and plants. Projects may be on private land, but must benefit federal land and meet federal environmental laws.

Projects for consideration must be submitted to the RAC by July 27, 2007. Applications are available online at www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot/. Click on the Resource Advisory Committee link and navigate to the Ravalli County RAC at the bottom of the page. Project applications are also available at the Bitterroot Forest offices in Stevensville, Hamilton, Darby, Sula, and West Fork.

Over thirty projects have been funded since the Ravalli County RAC was established in 2001. These projects include Little Blue Joint Riparian Planting, Sediment Reduction in Rye Creek, Jerry Bergh Fishing Access Site, Little Sleeping Child Invasive Weed Management Project, and East Fork Guard Station Restoration.

For more information, contact the RAC chairperson, Wayne Hedman 363-1723; or Dan Ritter, Designated Federal Official and Stevensville District Ranger, 777-5461.

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